



**Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
November 18, 2015**

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Bomke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Plunk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Josh Collins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	J.D. Sudeth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Hasara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joan Walters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Wesley
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackie Newman		

Others:

Marty Mau- President of Sangamon County Township Officials and Ball Township Highway Commissioner
Richard Treat – Chatham Township Supervisor
Tom Cavanagh – Sangamon County Treasurer and Capital Township Supervisor & Collector
Mark Crawford – Chief Deputy of Sangamon County Treasurer Office
Christie Crites – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
Norm Sims – SSCRPC
Jeff Fulgenzi - SSCRPC
Gail Weiskopf- SSCRPC

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Joan Walters called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Chair Walters announced that commissioners Mr. Josh Collins and Ms. Jackie Newman were not in attendance for the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Walters asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 14, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Robert Plunk moved to approve the minutes. Hon. Karen Hasara seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Walters asked the guest speakers to introduce themselves.

V. GUESTS DISCUSSION Marty Mau and Richard Treat from County Township Supervisors Association and Sangamon County Treasurer Tom Cavanagh



Chair Walters turned the meeting over to Mr. J.D. Sudeth. Mr. Sudeth opened the floor to Mr. Tom Cavanagh to bring the group up to date. Mr. Cavanagh discussed the letter sent to all the Township Supervisors, Trustees and Collectors in June of 2015 that coincides with the recommendation of the first CEC. The following are key points presented: 1) all printing and mailing of tax bills process through the Sangamon County Treasurer Office will reduce cost of postage and the amount of mailed pieces, 2) all payments be directly sent to the county treasurer's post office box so that payments are posted promptly and the taxpayer can confirm this from the website, and 3) all taxing districts distribution of monies will be completed electronic ally increasing efficiency through technology. Mr. Cavanagh reported six townships have eliminated the collector position seamlessly which include Chatham and Fancy creek. After the election of 2017, the Collector's position should be diminished and the salary should be reset. The Treasurer Office suggests leaving the position vacant if there is a vacancy. It is state statue if there is no collector it is defaulted to the County and they assume the cost.

After Mr. Cavanagh left the meeting, Chair Walters asked the township officials if the state budget had affected them at all and how they are getting along.

Mr. Marty Mau explained the Ball Township could run for about a year because it is just him and one other person. They cover approximately 38 miles of road. Mr. Mau stated he had already submitted some of the supplies needed for road repair and bad weather in early in the spring before they State stopped all payments. Mr. Mau noted that some of the smaller rural townships are suffering from the budget freeze.

Mr. Mau reported to the commissioners that the township saved \$45,000 by sharing chipping with an intergovernmental agreement with Chatham Township. They also work with Chatham to share snow removal.

Mr. Richard Treat reported Chatham has 50 miles of road that one full-time employee and one part-time employee work. Mr. Treat explained Chatham shares and works with the village of Chatham, and they send a machine and a driver. Mr. Treat shared a concern of the township and local government in comparison to the state's financial situation. Mr. Treat believes the state should not be telling local governments how to operate because the state cannot operate on its own. He discussed the contrast between local government and the state government when it comes to managing dollars. Local government has a balance budget, don't borrow funds unless absolutely necessary because they have yearly carry over funds. Mr. Treat discussed how the local governments are audited. General Assistance with Capital Township has saved the local government probably about \$40,000 a year. The tax collector position became open early in the year and the board left the position vacant.

The discussion with the township supervisors and the commissioners was very productive and raised awareness of how to educate the public.

VI. DISCUSSION OF TASKFORCE WORK PLANS

Chair Walters asked the commissioner to report on each of their work plans.



A. Regional Leadership Council as Strategic Partner - Higher Ed Institutions as Strategic Partner – Robert Plunk & Jackie Newman

Mr. Plunk reported Sherman Mayor Trevor J. Clatfelter presented at the recent Regional Leadership Council meeting on Wednesday, October, 28, 2015 concerning the Federal grant for the new signs which meet new reflectivity standards. Mr. Plunk reported he is interested in the Administrative services recommendation for the RLC. Mr. Plunk noted the Regional Leadership Council next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 5:30 location to be announced.

B. Sewer Transfer Study - Chair Walters & Mike Murphy

Chair Walters noted the task force is currently trying to set a meeting time with Mayor Jim Langfelder, Mark Mahoney, Director of Public Works and Gregg S. Humphrey, Director/Engineer for Springfield Metro Sanitary District concerning the Sewer Study.

C. Regional Policing Study – Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Hon. Hasara reported Mr. Jim Cimarossa is going to find out what services are now being shared. She said they have not given up on the Policing Study. Mr. Mike Murphy reported he asked the Chamber of Commerce to help fund the study, they are willing to help with the funding if the City and the County are onboard. It was suggested that the Chamber approach the City.

Hon. Hasara reported on the Citizen Transformer Award on behalf of the CEC from Illinois Chamber of Commerce (Transform Illinois).

D. Developing Legislative Linkages - Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Sen. Larry Bomke will be emailing a list of Bills current in the House and the Senate. Sen. Bomke will study the Bills and see if there are some that the CEC could recommend as referendums.

E. Developing Linkages with Townships - J.D. Sudeth & Mike Murphy

See above – V. Guests Discussion Marty Mau and Richard Treat from County Township Supervisors Association-and Sangamon County Treasurer Tom Cavanagh

F. Developing Linkages with Fire/EMS – Robert Plunk & Robert Wesley

Mr. Robert Wesley expressed regret that he had misquoted the cost of trustee training at the last RLC meeting. Mr. Wesley has prepared a letter with the correct cost of the training, which is \$260 per trainee with a \$500 incentive to complete annually.

G. Create Network of Business Leaders - J.D. Sudeth & Josh Collins

No report given.



VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Walters discussed her replacement; Hon. Hasara has suggested Dr. Kevin Dorsey.

VIII. OTHER SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Staff Report

Chair Walters asked if there were any other special reports. No other special reports.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Walters asked if there were any public comments. No public comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Walters asked if there were any further comments. There being none, she called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Murphy motioned to adjourn. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf
Acting as Recording Secretary